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FIRE SERVICE OFFERS FREE HOME SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Walk Throughs Identify Home Hazards, Escape Routes

Medicine Hat – A series of fires recently in Medicine Hat is prompting the local Fire Service to offer free home safety inspections.

As witnesses to the devastation first hand, the Medicine Hat Fire Service wants to minimize the effects fires can have on individuals, families and their homes with fire prevention planning.

"The fires left individuals and families traumatized over the loss of both personal possessions and a place to live," says Eric Nielsen, Chief Fire Prevention Officer. "We want to help residents adopt fire safe practices. Often people are not aware of the hazards that exist in their homes nor have they taken time to initiate a plan in case a fire breaks out."

The Fire Service's free visit and inspection includes a home walk through to help identify hazards, as well as assistance to develop a workable escape plan. Firefighters will also check smoke and fire alarms and replace batteries during the inspection.

Residents can call the Fire Service at 529-8282 to arrange for a free home inspection and walk through.

The Fire Service reminds tenants of rental housing that their personal effects are not insured by the landowner or building insurance. Personal content or tenant insurance can be acquired through an insurance agency.

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